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THE MAN SHOT AT A LOT IS THE STUPID.

[illegible]: "In intelligence," he once said, "you have to take your chances on faith. You have to look for the man who's directing the organization and the results he achieves. If you haven't someone who can be brighter and who gets results, you'd better throw him out and get somebody else."

Those were the words of Allen W. Dulles, the American public spy who is head of our highly secret CIA. Nobody doubts that Mr. Dulles can be trusted but there has been a debacle in Cuba that makes us look, as one observer said, like fools to our friends, like rascals to our enemies and incompetent to the rest.

Should he be thrown out? Well, we'll discuss that tonight."

[illegible]: "It's Norman Rose and his commentary on the news of the day."

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[illegible]: "The CIA was set up after 1947 to prevent future Pearl Harbors. But now our country is faced with the question, should we jettison the CIA and set up some new system so that we can prevent future Cubas?

"Every time we seem to have been caught flat footed, from Hungary to the U-2, from Suez to the Red Chinese crossing of the Yalu, the head has gone up. Each time was a failure in intelligence, scuttle the CIA. Well, for what it's worth, this observer would submit tonight that it is often easier to find a scapegoat than to face up to reality, often easier to blame than to act.

"But the plain fact is that you and I don't really know what we're talking about tonight when we discuss the CIA any more than do the commentators, the columnists and the various people who now are calling for its scalp. Located in Langley, Virginia in a building that looks to be about half as big as the Pentagon, it may have 30,000 operatives and a budget as high as $2 billion. The only major agency freed from Congressional scrutiny, the CIA spends to protect us one of the biggest blank checks ever issued by the United States government.

"Is there waste? When you drill for oil you expect dry holes before you bring in a gusher. Has it committed a boo-boo? When Mr. Dulles indicated that we thought Marshal Zhukov might be on his way up instead of out in the power struggle within the USSR, if Zhukov himself didn't know which end was up, how could we?

"It would seem, from what an outsider can surmise, that the CIA helped overthrow the reds in Guatemala and Mossadegh in Iran, that they warned us of Quemoy, that they predicted the Soviet missile successes as early as 1955 and the Molotov-Malenkov ouster.

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